

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims without prejudice, such that this listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A computer method for issuing at least one of a fidelity bond and a surety bond ~~an insurance underwriting instrument~~ comprising:

storing underwriting data so as to be accessible by at least one computer processor;

storing data indicative of ~~insurance~~ at least one of fidelity and surety bond customers so as to be accessible by said at least one computer processor;

inputting data indicative of ~~an insurance underwriting instrument~~ at least one fidelity or surety bond to be issued and being associated with one of said bond customers;

automatically calculating a premium for the ~~insurance underwriting instrument~~ at least one fidelity or surety bond to be issued based on the input data and the underwriting data in response to a request therefore;

storing data indicative of images of a plurality of pre-defined bond forms so as to be accessible by said at least one computer processor;

selecting a sub-set of the data indicative of images of a plurality of pre-defined bond forms dependently upon the inputted data; and

automatically rendering the ~~insurance underwriting instrument~~ at least one fidelity or surety bond to be issued using said data indicative of ~~said insurance bond~~ customers, said selected data indicative of images of a plurality of pre-defined forms, and calculated premium ~~payment~~ in response to a request therefore;

wherein data indicative of said insurance underwriting instrument is automatically stored so as to be accessible to said at least one computer processor; ~~and~~

~~wherein the insurance underwriting instrument is one of a fidelity bond or a surety bond.~~

2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said inputting comprises presenting at least one electronic document to a user via a browser functionality of software running on a microprocessor based device, and communicating data input to said software by said user to said at least one computer processor.
4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising automatically calculating a premium for at least one alternative insurance underwriting instrument having at least one characteristic differing from said insurance underwriting instrument.
5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising automatically storing said input data.
6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
 - providing data indicative of images of a plurality of insurance underwriting instruments;
 - wherein said rendering comprises selecting one of said instruments dependently upon said input data; and
 - uses at least a portion of said data indicative of images of said plurality of underwriting instruments being associated with said selected one of said instruments.

Claims 7 - 17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A data processing system for issuing ~~an insurance underwriting instrument~~ a fidelity or surety bond, the system comprising:
 - at least one computer processor;
 - a first query-able plurality of memory locations ~~[[for]]~~ storing data indicative of images of a plurality of forms, each of said forms being associated with a particular type of ~~underwriting instrument~~ fidelity or surety bond;
 - a second query-able plurality of memory locations storing data indicative of policies;
 - at least one user interface for inputting data indicative of an insurance client and data indicative of the ~~underwriting instrument~~ fidelity or surety bond; ~~[[and]]~~
 - at least one calculator application responsive to said user interface and ~~[[for]]~~

automatically calculating a premium for the insurance underwriting instrument based on the input data using said at least one computer processor and data indicative of one of ~~[[a]]~~ the fidelity ~~[[bond]]~~ or ~~[[a]]~~ surety bond; and

software for rendering selected ones of said plurality of forms using said data stored in said first and second pluralities of memory locations and calculated premium in response to a request from said user interface.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled).

21. (Currently Amended) A computer method for issuing ~~an insurance underwriting instrument~~ a fidelity or surety bond comprising:

identifying data stored in a plurality of memory locations and being indicative of a select one of a plurality of customers;

receiving data indicative of ~~an insurance instrument~~ a fidelity or surety bond to be associated with said select customer;

automatically calculating at least one rate associated with said ~~insurance instrument~~ fidelity or surety bond to be associated with said select customer using said data indicative of said customer and data indicative of said ~~insurance instrument~~ fidelity or surety bond to be associated with said select customer;

selecting at least one of a plurality of forms for said insurance instrument using said data indicative of said ~~insurance instrument~~ fidelity or surety bond to be associated with said select customer; and~~[[,]]~~

automatically rendering said at least one form using said at least one rate, said data indicative of said customer, and data indicative of said ~~insurance instrument~~ fidelity or surety bond to be associated with said select customer ~~wherein said instrument is one of a fidelity bond or a surety bond;~~

wherein, said calculating and rendering are performed using said at least one computing processor.

22. (Cancelled).